

**Attachment 2:
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2017 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals**

WRIA 9: Lower Newaukum Creek Acquisitions (Josh Kahan, WLRD)

<i>PL Request</i>	\$325,000
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$525,000 <i>(match is requested PL funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</i>	\$850,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$850,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$0
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request complete priority acquisitions?</i>	Yes – funding request completes current priorities; there may be additional future requests for project.

Project Description: Fee or easement acquisition of 94.5 acres along Lower Newaukum Creek, to add to Lower Newaukum Creek NA and Green River NA. Targeting five parcels under five separate ownerships.

Acquisitions build on several years of effort to preserve the mile-wide 700+-acre forested ravine along Lower Newaukum Creek (likely the largest ravine in King County) and would preserve mature second-growth timber and prevent development within this important habitat corridor. All of the parcels are in the APD but have been reviewed by the Ag team and approved for acquisition.

- Northern parcel at mouth of Newaukum creek is adjacent to recently acquired parcels that contain the Newaukum Creek alluvial fan, and are along a road with additional potential purchases.
- Central two parcels are adjacent parcels that are inholdings within an area of county-owned property.
- Southern two parcels extend habitat protection further upstream along the creek. One landowner owns the southernmost red parcel along with two adjacent parcels to the west shown in yellow. Basin steward and Ag team will work together on this acquisition for site-specific review of the multiple parcels owned by this landowner, to determine if there is Ag potential.

Habitat Benefit: Preserve land important to ESA-listed species Chinook and steelhead, which both spawn and rear along this portion of Newaukum Creek. Significant benefit to fish, wildlife, and forested wetland complex.

Recreation Benefit: Passive recreation.

Plan Priority: WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan and Last Best Places in the Middle Green River.

Parcels included in Scope: 732771-0101 (6 ac), 332106-9021 (33 ac), 332106-9009 (20ac), 032006-9006 (35 ac), 342106-9135 (10.2 ac)